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REPLY BRIEF

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this Reply Brief in response to the Examiner's Answer dated April 30, 2009. The Board is authorized to deduct any other amounts required for this reply brief and to credit any amounts overpaid to Deposit Account No. 502264.

The Examiner's remarks make clear that the Examiner understands the differences between Claims 10 and 18, but do not explain how Claims 10 and 18 are obvious in view of the admitted differences. Masaki does not disclose averaging power setting variations for locations. Absent the recited element, Masaki cannot make obvious Claims 10 and 18.

For the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections of Claims 1-7 and 10-21 are unfounded. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of Claims 1-7 and 10-21 be reversed.

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that on June 19, 2009 this correspondence is being transmitted via the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office's electronic filing system.

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Respectfully submitted,

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